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Letter dated 3 February 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, I have the honour to transmit to you, in your capacity as President of the Security Council for the month, the principled position of the Movement pertaining to the relationship between the Security Council and other principal organs of the United Nations, in particular the General Assembly, as the chief deliberative and policymaking organ of the United Nations, as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the relevant General Assembly resolutions which clarify such relationship. In this regard, the Movement reiterates its concern over the continuing encroachment by the Security Council on the functions and powers of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council through addressing issues which traditionally fall within the competence of the latter organs, and the attempts to enter the areas of norm-setting and establishing definitions which fall within the purview of the Assembly. The Movement further reiterates that these trends must be checked and reversed.

The Non-Aligned Movement stresses that the Member States of the United Nations have conferred on the Security Council primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security pursuant to Article 24 of the Charter of the United Nations and that in carrying out its duties under this responsibility, the Security Council acts on their behalf. In this respect, the Movement stresses the accountability of the Security Council to the General Assembly consistent with that article of the Charter.

In view of the above-mentioned considerations, the Non-Aligned Movement considers the decision by the Security Council to initiate formal or informal discussion on the situation of any Member State of the Organization or any issue that does not constitute a threat to international peace and security as contrary to Article 24 of the Charter. In this regard, the Movement urges the Security Council to uphold the primacy of and respect for the Charter in connection with its functions and powers.

I shall be transmitting the present letter to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council for their attention and information, in the light of the ongoing consultations on the revitalization of work of the General Assembly and reform of the Economic and Social Council.

I shall be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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